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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR PEPR NO US
SUBJ: US-USSR FISHING STORY

1. WE HAVE BEEN GETTING WHAT WE JUDGE TO BE FAIRLY CREDIBLE INDICATIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY SHORTLY GO PUBLIC WITH THE UNFAVORABLE SEASONAL STORY. OUR SOURCES TO DATE ARE WELL-PLACED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE JOURNALISTS. ALL ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO JUST WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO THIS. SOME SPECULATION HOLDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL RELEASE THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT WHICH WAS NOT SO FAR BEEN RELEASED TO THE LOCAL PRESS. ANOTHER SPECULATION IS THAT THE [illegible] REPORT ON SOME ACCOUNT OF RECENT MEETINGS FOLLOWING THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY. THE FINANCE MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE THE VEHICLE. ALL, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY DRAW ITS MOVE BEFORE DECEMBER 20 WHICH IS THE ASSEMBLY'S PREVIOUSLY PLANNED DATE OF ADJOURNMENT. ONE SPOKE PUTS THE STORY WELL BREAK THIS [illegible].

2. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT WHATEVER METHOD OF GOING PUBLIC IS CHOSEN BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE DRAMA FOR THE SEASONAL AND THE [illegible] STRAIN ON USSR-NOR RELATIONS WILL TO SOME MEASURE BE REFLECTED ON THE US. PROBABLY FOR THE FIRST PART ON THE US DESKS, BUT WITH AT LEAST AN INTERFACE OF USE COMPLICITY. IT ALSO [illegible].
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SEEMS LIKELY THAT ANY MEDIAN COMPLICITY WILL, IF ARGUED

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AT ALL, BE DOWNPLAYED.

5. IN THE BELIEF THAT A PROMPT OFFICIAL AND LOCAL REACTION TO SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT ONLY BE ADVISABLE BUT NECESSARY WE ARE PREPARING APPROPRIATE PRESS RELEASE WHICH WILL ONLY FOR ITS CONTENT ON STATEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLICLY BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN OR PREPARED FOR HIS USE IF ASKED. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE.
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